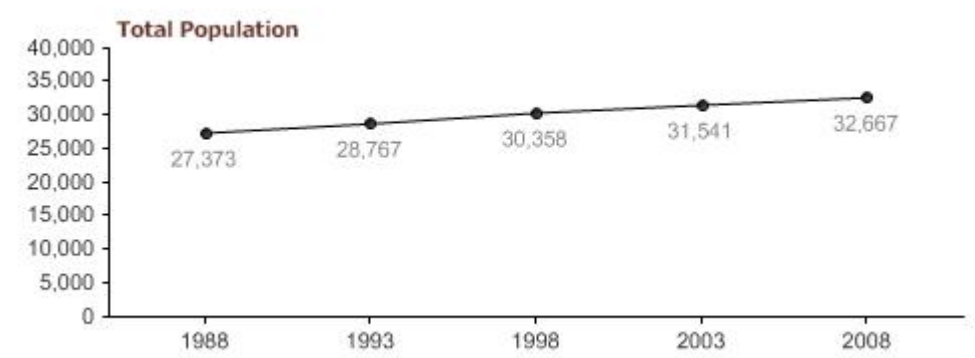


# Whitley County, IN Highlights

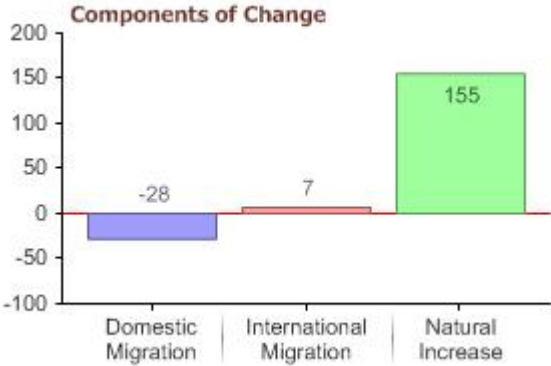
## Population

A region's economy thrives or dives because of the people who choose to live there. That choice may occur by being born there and desiring to stay, or a more deliberate one of choosing to relocate from somewhere else. Monitoring change in the size and movement of population is an important barometer of well-being. Some of us monitor these changes as an insect might gauge the shifting sands while most don't pay much attention. But the barometer is a good metaphor for population change since it can presage more notable events, such as lackluster business attraction due to lack of workers.

| Population Over Time   |        |        |        |        |        |
|------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|                        | 1988   | 1993   | 1998   | 2003   | 2008   |
| Total Population       | 27,373 | 28,767 | 30,358 | 31,541 | 32,667 |
| Change Since 1988      |        | 1,394  | 2,985  | 4,168  | 5,294  |
| Pct. Change Since 1988 |        | 5.1%   | 10.9%  | 15.2%  | 19.3%  |



Source: US Census Bureau

| Components of Population Change 2007 to 2008 |        |  |
|--|--------|--|
|  | Number |  |
| Net Domestic Migration                       | -28    |  |
| International Migration                      | 7      |  |
| Natural Increase (births minus deaths)       | 155    |  |
| Births                                       | 446    |  |
| Deaths                                       | 291    |  |

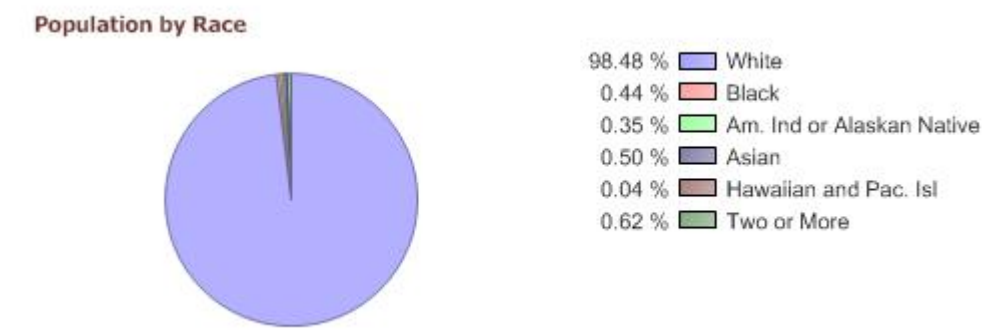
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| Population Estimates by Age in 2007 |        |           |
|-------------------------------------|--------|-----------|
|                                     | Number | Pct. Dist |
| Preschool                           | 2,138  | 6.6%      |
| School Age                          | 5,879  | 18.1%     |
| College Age                         | 2,711  | 8.3%      |

|                 |       |       |
|-----------------|-------|-------|
| Young Adult     | 8,729 | 26.8% |
| Older Adult     | 8,970 | 27.6% |
| Older (65 plus) | 4,228 | 13.0% |

Source: US Census Bureau

| Population Estimates by Race and Hispanic Origin in 2007 |        |           |
|--|--------|-----------|
|  | Number | Pct. Dist |
| American Ind. or Alaskan Native Alone                    | 114    | 0.4%      |
| Asian Alone  | 162    | 0.5%      |
| Black Alone  | 142    | 0.4%      |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Isl. Alone                | 12     | 0.0%      |
| White Alone  | 32,022 | 98.5%     |
| Two or More Race Groups                                  | 203    | 0.6%      |



| Hispanic or Latino     |        |       |
|------------------------|--------|-------|
| Non-Hispanic or Latino | 32,290 | 99.3% |
| Hispanic or Latino     | 365    | 1.1%  |

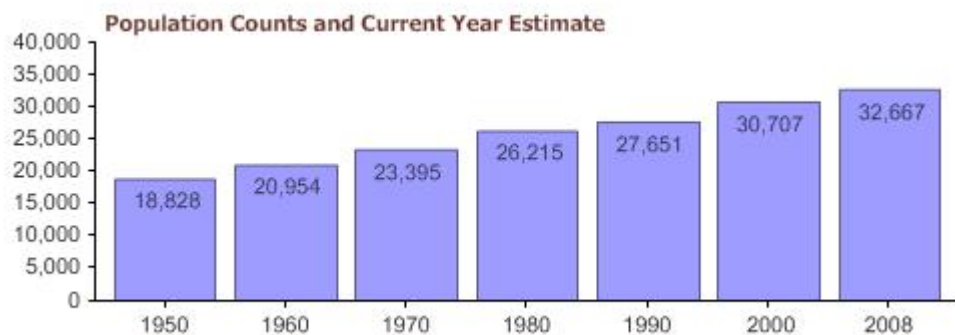
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| Households in 2000            |        |           |
|-------------------------------|--------|-----------|
|                               | Number | Pct. Dist |
| Total Households              | 11,711 | 100.0%    |
| Family Households             | 8,605  | 73.5%     |
| Married with Children         | 3,149  | 26.9%     |
| Married without Children      | 4,026  | 34.4%     |
| Single Parents                | 889    | 7.6%      |
| Other                         | 541    | 4.6%      |
| Non-family Households         | 3,106  | 26.5%     |
| Living Alone                  | 2,622  | 22.4%     |
| Average Household Size        | 2.62   |           |
| Average Family Household Size | 3.57   |           |

Source: US Census Bureau

| Population Counts by Decade and Current Year Estimate |            |                |           |
|---|------------|----------------|-----------|
|   | Population | Numerical Chg. | Pct. Chg. |
| 1950  | 18,828     | NA             | NA        |
| 1960  | 20,954     | 2,126          | 11.3%     |
| 1970  | 23,395     | 2,441          | 11.6%     |
| 1980  | 26,215     | 2,820          | 12.1%     |
| 1990  | 27,651     | 1,436          | 5.5%      |
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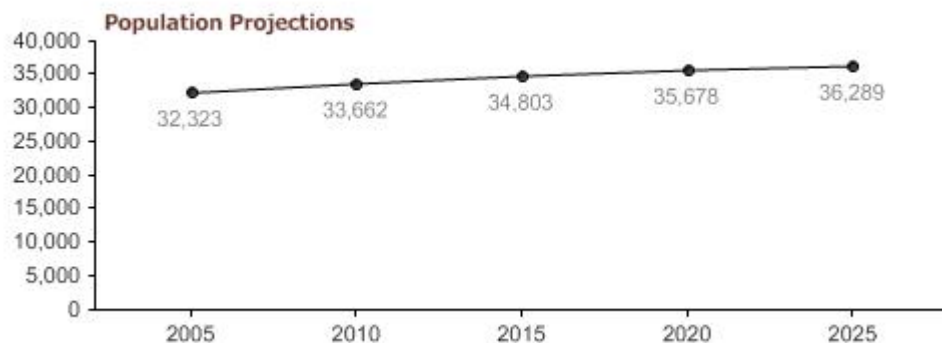
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|------------|--------|-------|-------|
| April 2000 | 30,707 | 3,056 | 11.1% |
| 2008       | 32,667 | 1,960 | 6.4%  |



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

## Population Projections

|                               | 2005   | 2010   | 2015   | 2020   | 2025   |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| <b>Population Projections</b> | 32,323 | 33,662 | 34,803 | 35,678 | 36,289 |
| <b>Change Since 2005</b>      |        | 1,339  | 2,480  | 3,355  | 3,966  |
| <b>Pct. Change Since 2005</b> |        | 4.1%   | 7.7%   | 10.4%  | 12.3%  |



Source: Indiana Business Research Center